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# SKY ABOVE, DEATH BELOW!

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ATTENTION!  
DOWN BELOW!  
STOP OR  
**DIE!**

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EYE BATTLE  
COPTER! WHAT  
ARE WE GOING  
TO DO,  
RAVAGE?

RAVAGE...?

MUST  
ESCAPE...  
CAN'T--CAN'T  
MOVE...

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RAVAGE IS  
OUR ONLY HOPE--  
AND HE'S OUT FOR  
THE COUNT AFTER  
HIS BATTLE WITH  
THOSE SEA  
CREATURES...



"THE FIGHT TOOK  
EVERY LAST  
OUNCE OF HIS  
STRENGTH..."

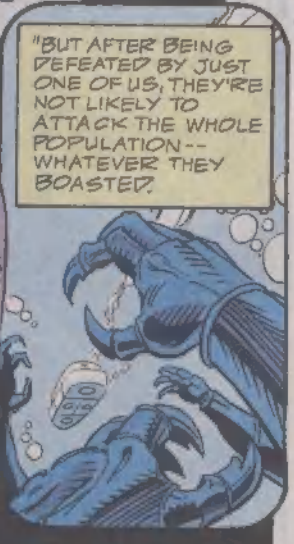


THERE'S  
NO WAY WE CAN  
OUTFIGHT OR  
OUTFLY THEM...  
NEITHER OF US  
IS A PILOT.

YEAH--  
WE WERE  
BARELY ABLE  
TO LIFT THIS  
TUB TO THE  
SURFACE!



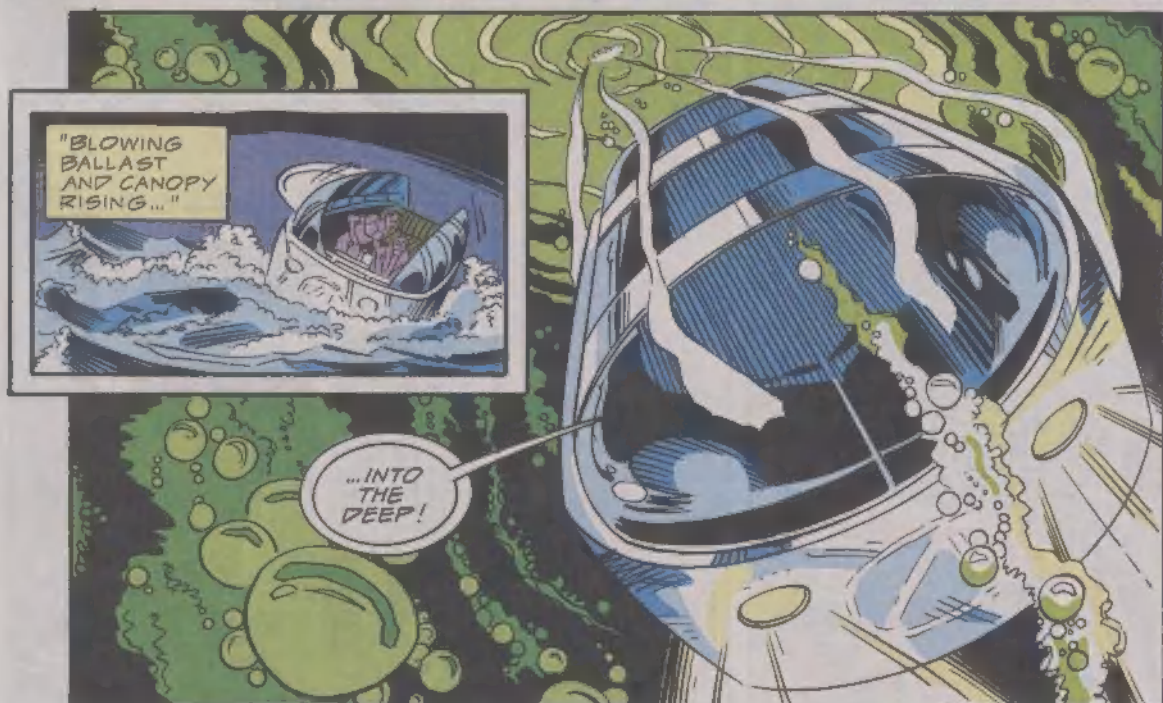
"...AND THEN  
GETTING  
US OUT OF  
THEIR CITY.

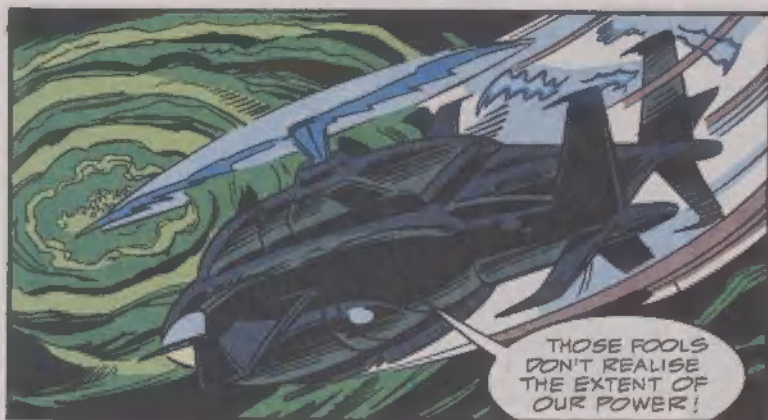


"BUT AFTER BEING  
DEFEATED BY JUST  
ONE OF US, THEY'RE  
NOT LIKELY TO  
ATTACK THE WHOLE  
POPULATION--  
WHATEVER THEY  
BOASTED.



"STILL... THEY  
DON'T KNOW  
THE WHOLE  
POPULATION  
ISN'T LIKE  
RAVAGE."





THOSE FOOLS  
DON'T REALISE  
THE EXTENT OF  
OUR POWER!



THEY'RE  
FOUR METERS  
UNDER... D'YOU  
WANT ME TO  
HIT THE  
TRACTION  
BEAM, SIR?



OF COURSE. I WANT YOU TO  
PLUCK THEM FROM THE WATER  
LIKE A DROWNED CANARY...

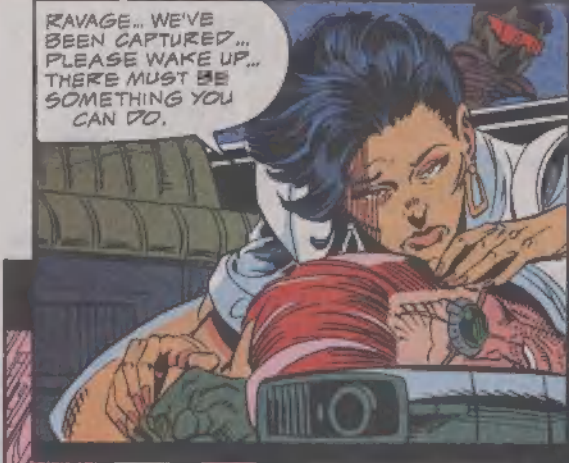


—UNLIKE  
MY OTHER  
COLLEAGUES  
AT ALCHEMAX,  
I DON'T LET  
MY TARGETS  
GET AWAY!



BEAM  
ON!

IN-  
CREASING BEAM  
POWER AND  
COPTER LIFT...  
IT'S FREE OF  
THE WATER  
NOW!



RAVAGE... WE'VE  
BEEN CAPTURED...  
PLEASE WAKE UP...  
THERE MUST BE  
SOMETHING YOU  
CAN DO.



THIS LEAVES ME WITH AN  
AMUSING PROBLEM... HOW  
BEST TO DISPOSE OF  
MY VICTIMS.



WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK,  
MY  
DEAR?

YOU COULD HAND  
HIM TO ME FOR...  
THOROUGH  
INTERROGATION...



"FOR INSTANCE  
I COULD CUT OFF  
THE RAY AND DROP  
THEM ON THE  
CITY BELOW..."

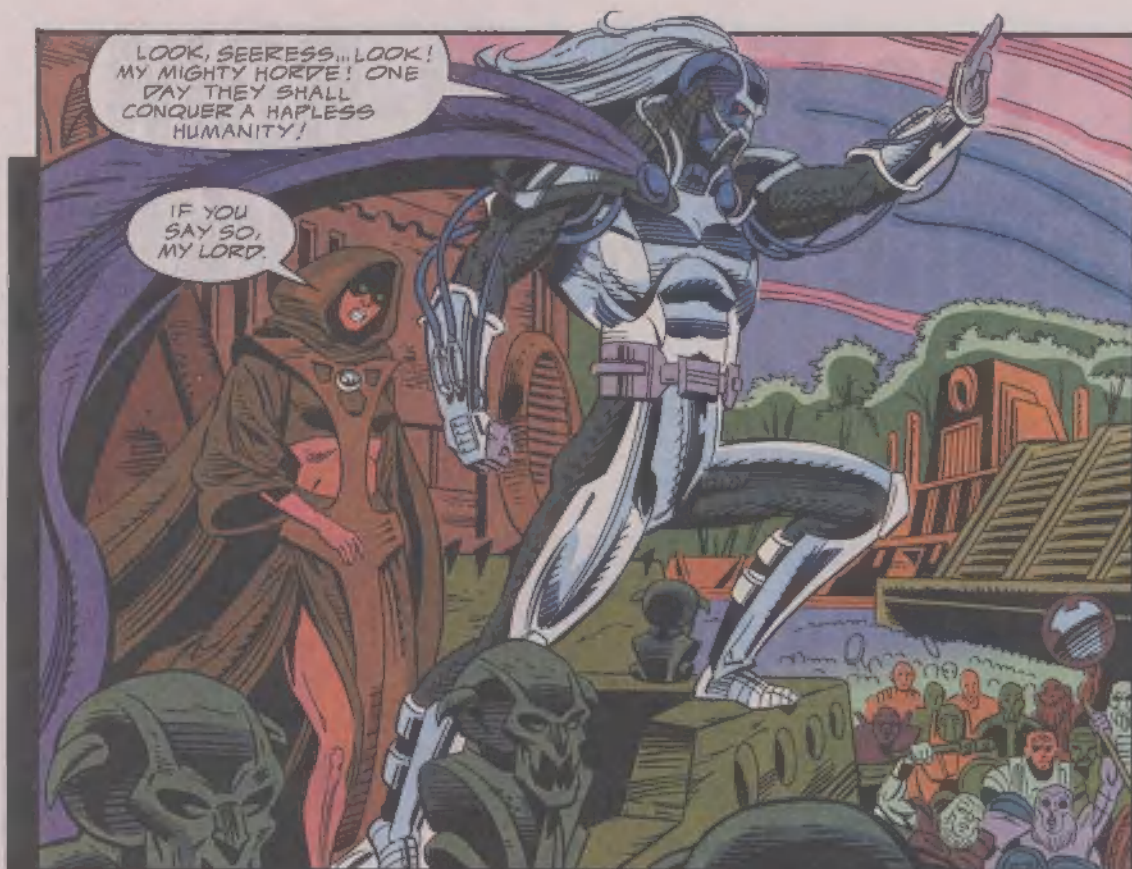


"OR PERHAPS  
USE RAVAGE AS  
TARGET PRACTICE  
FOR SOME OF  
OUR NEW  
WEAPONS."

YES,  
I'M SURE...  
BUT I HAD  
IN MIND  
MORE  
DIRECT  
METHODS...



BUT  
I HAVE  
ANOTHER  
IDEA... LEAVE  
ME, MY DEAR...  
I HAVE A  
VERY PRIVATE  
HOLO-CALL  
TO MAKE...



LOOK, SEERESS...LOOK!  
MY MIGHTY HORDE! ONE  
DAY THEY SHALL  
CONQUER A HAPLESS  
HUMANITY!

IF YOU  
SAY SO,  
MY LORD.

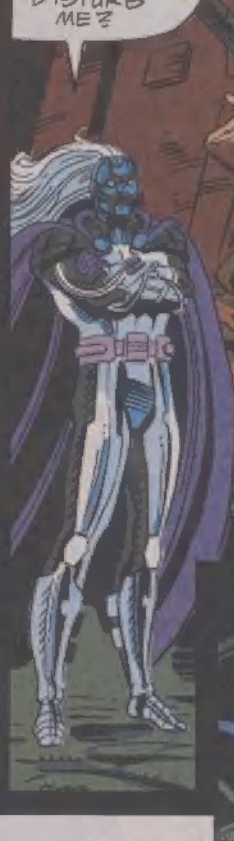
THERE IS A HOLO-  
CALL FROM HENTON,  
MASTER.

I CAN'T  
BE BOTHERED  
TALKING TO  
THAT WRETCHED  
WEASEL.

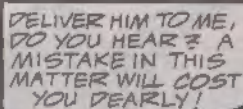
SIRE...  
I SENSE  
IT IS TO  
YOUR  
ADVANTAGE  
TO TAKE  
THE  
CALL.

YES, HENTON...  
WHY DO YOU  
DISTURB  
ME?

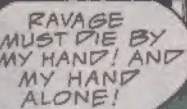
DETHSTRYK...  
I HAVE GOOD  
NEWS FOR  
YOU. I HAVE IN  
MY POSSESSION  
A WEAK AND  
DEFEATED  
RAVAGE. I  
INTEND TO  
KILL HIM...JUST  
THOUGHT I'D  
INFORM YOU  
FIRST.



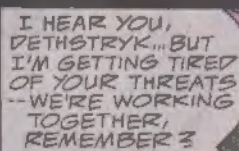
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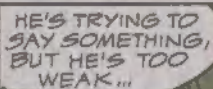
DELIVER HIM TO ME,  
DO YOU HEAR? A  
MISTAKE IN THIS  
MATTER WILL COST  
YOU DEARLY!



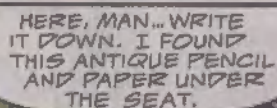
RAVAGE  
MUST DIE BY  
MY HAND! AND  
MY HAND  
ALONE!



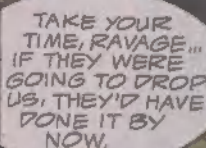
I HEAR YOU,  
DETHSTRYK... BUT  
I'M GETTING TIRED  
OF YOUR THREATS  
--WE'RE WORKING  
TOGETHER,  
REMEMBER?



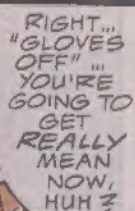
HE'S TRYING TO  
SAY SOMETHING,  
BUT HE'S TOO  
WEAK...



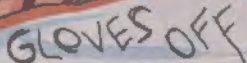
HERE, MAN... WRITE  
IT DOWN. I FOUND  
THIS ANTIQUE PENCIL  
AND PAPER UNDER  
THE SEAT.



TAKE YOUR  
TIME, RAVAGE...  
IF THEY WERE  
GOING TO DROP  
US, THEY'D HAVE  
DONE IT BY  
NOW.



RIGHT...  
"GLOVES  
OFF"...  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
GET  
REALLY  
MEAN  
NOW,  
HUH?



GLOVES OFF



NO, I THINK I  
KNOW WHAT HE  
MEANS... HELP ME  
GET THEM  
OFF.



MY HANDS... I NEED  
THEM TO GLOW...



...TO REVIVE  
NATE ME!

THE  
STRONGER  
THEY GLOW,  
THE MORE  
POWERFUL  
I BE-  
COME!



HOW--HOW  
DO YOU KNOW TO  
DO THAT?



MAN--  
I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN  
YOU LIKE  
THIS!

DON'T KNOW...  
SOME KIND OF ANIMAL  
INSTINCT... SOMETHING  
DEEP WITHIN ME IS  
COMING OUT... I FEEL  
MYSELF CHANGING...



RAVAGE, I'M GLAD YOU'RE  
STRONGER--BUT WE'VE GOT  
TO GET OUT OF HERE... GOT  
TO ESCAPE...



NO ESCAPE...  
WE ATTACK!

I CAN'T HANDLE ANY-MORE OF YOUR BOMBASTIC RANTINGS, DETHSTRYK... I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR MUTROID FLUNKIES...

HOW DARE YOU?! YOU WILL ANSWER WITH YOUR LIFE!

I'VE GOT HIGHER POWERS THAN YOU TO ANSWER TO... I'M SEVERING MY CONNECTION TO HELLROCK...

...YOU'RE JUST NOT A MAJOR PLAYER ANY-MORE!

DIE, HUMAN OFFAL!

WOAHH! SCARY! BEATING UP A HOLOGRAM! I'M OUT OF HERE!

WHAT DID HE MEAN, SEERESS? WHAT HIGHER POWER IS THERE THAN THE LORD OF HELLROCK...?

THERE IS A HIDDEN AND UNSEEN PLAYER SHORTLY TO BE REVEALED... A MANIPULATOR PULLING THE STRINGS TO ALL THE POWERS AT ALCHEMAX...

ONE WHO SEEKS TO DIRECT HUMAN DESTINY FOR HIS OWN ENDS...

I SPEAK OF... AVATARR!

# BURDEN = BULLETINS

## MARK'S REMARKS

Last year Bill Mantlo, one of Marvel's prolific writers of the 70s and 80s, was seriously injured by a hit and run driver. He has been hospitalized since then and until recent weeks lay in a coma. He is now undergoing rehabilitative therapy but due to the extensive nature of his injuries, it's not known to what degree Bill will ultimately recover.

Bill created a whole lot of popular characters for Marvel — Cloak and Dagger, Rocket Raccoon, the White Tiger, Jack of Hearts, and Woodgod, to name just a few — and put in memorable stunts writing THE MICRONAUTS, ROM, INCREDIBLE HULK, ALPHA FLIGHT, SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, MARVEL TEAM-UP, IRON MAN, SWORDS OF THE SWASH-BUCKLERS and at least one issue of every book Marvel had up to that time produced. His writing for Marvel helped finance his way through law school and he was a practicing lawyer at the time of the accident.

Truly, Bill left an indelible mark on the Marvel Universe and Marveldom Assembled owes a debt of gratitude to him for sharing his imagination and creativity with us. If you'd like to personally send Bill your best wishes, we know he'd enjoy hearing from you. Address your cards and letters to:

William Mantlo  
Gayford Hospital  
Gayford Farm Road  
Wellingford, CT 06492

— Mark Gruenwald



hey called it the Blizzard of the Century! It struck March, hitting harder than Thunderstrike's mace. Of course, it wasn't really the Blizzard of the Century, but the label-happy media had to call it something, and "Terror in the Towers" had already been taken.

The snow was some of our own creative flakes pretty hard. Now that we've finally managed to dig them out, let's plow through and what they had to say.

Inker supreme Terry Austin, who is still waiting for the spring thaw, said "I saved the life of

gone out there for Mike's birthday dinner, and the weather was so bad, I couldn't go home. So I stayed indoors, playing my new four-week-old ferret named Sneakers!" (Rumor has it that Hollywood wants to buy the rights to Renee's snow-bound story of survival, but in the movie version, the ferret gets eaten.)

Proofreader Jack Abel, who spent the weekend making snow Arch-angels, said, "I don't have any stories about the Blizzard of '93. But I can tell you an interesting story about the Blizzard of '47. I was stuck in a building, playing cards all night, and the next morning, the snow was so bad, we couldn't leave. So I kept on playing cards."

BARBIE editor Hildy Mesnik was able to enjoy the blizzard, since she never had to lift a shovel! Said Hildy, "I spent the whole day at Central Park. It was beautiful. It was a fantasyland that day!" (Even the street gangs traded their switch-blades for snowballs.)

NIGHTSTALKERS penciler Kirk Van Wormer said, "I didn't know there was a '93 blizzard! Hildy doesn't know much!"

NOMAD penciler Patrick Olliffe didn't do much wandering this weekend. As Pat put it, "I'm against shoveling when it's coming down quicker than I can shovel it!" AMAZING SPIDER-MAN penciler Mark Bagley said he spent the weekend sliding sleds instead of spinning webs. Adjectiveless SPIDER-MAN artist Tom Lyle said he was trapped indoors all weekend, like a fly in a web.

But the worst blizzard horror story of is that of editor Terry Kavanagh, who spent 36 straight hours trapped in various airports — enough time to qualify him as a licensed pilot! Terry had been on a ski trip in Aspen, which he said was "great," but his trip back turned into a worse nightmare than those biweekly deadlines COMICS PRESENTS! As Terry put it, "The lowest moment came when I was at Stapleton Airport in Denver. Since my luggage was lost, I had to walk a mile down the runway to buy socks and underwear at a truck stop, since I had no clothes!" Reportedly, Hollywood has turned down Terry's story, saying that it's too frightening for small children. The whole experience taught Terry a valuable lesson: "I'm leaving New York again!" he said. So the next time we have a Blizzard of the Century, save a shovel for Terry!



fellow Marvel freelancer! (SILVER SURFER writer) Ron Frenz was trapped by five-foot drifts in his driveway, so I drove him to the grocery store. I don't know if Ron would agree with me that I saved his life, but thanks to me, he had Rice Krispies in his house that weekend!

HELLSTORM penciler Michael Bair had a cold in the old town that night. "I went sliding down my stoop," Mike said, "because the Hellstorm had turned to ice. Maybe it was the curse of Hellstorm that sent me down the steps!"

Editor Renee Witterstaetter said the blizzard hit her like a flurry of new mutant titles. "I was holed up in (SHE-HULK inker) and Tracey DeCarlo's house," Renee began. I

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## HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #122: Infinity Crusade tie-in! Plus: Puck Alone!
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #379: Spidey, Venom, and the Fantastic Four make three ... or, six!
- ☐ BARBIE #31: Time for a little fit & fl!
- ☐ DARKHOLD #10: Would you let a kid named Jinx join your team?
- ☐ GHOST RIDER #39: Vengeance is after the Spirit of Vengeance!
- ☐ GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #38: An unexpected villain shows up — and no, it's not the Trapster!
- ☐ INVADERS #3 of 4: Cap, Namor, and the Torch in World War II action... with an attitude!
- ☐ LANCE BARNES: POST NUKEDICK #4 of 4: Lance is fighting ex-

- ☐ bankers! That's got our interest!
- ☐ MARVEL COMICS #132: The writing debut of Glenn Greenberg!
- ☐ MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #14: With Mike Rockwitz's Speedball story — years in the making!
- ☐ MIDNIGHT MEN #2 of 4: One Midnight Man is down! Time to recruit another!
- ☐ OFFCASTS #1 of 3: Heavy hitting science fiction!
- ☐ PENDRAGON 2 #13: Death's Head 2 plus Pendragon 2 = Action!
- ☐ PUNISHER WAR ZONE #17: A dam blows up, and Frank blows his fuse!
- ☐ QUASAR #48: Battle of the blondes, as Thunderstrike battles Quasar!

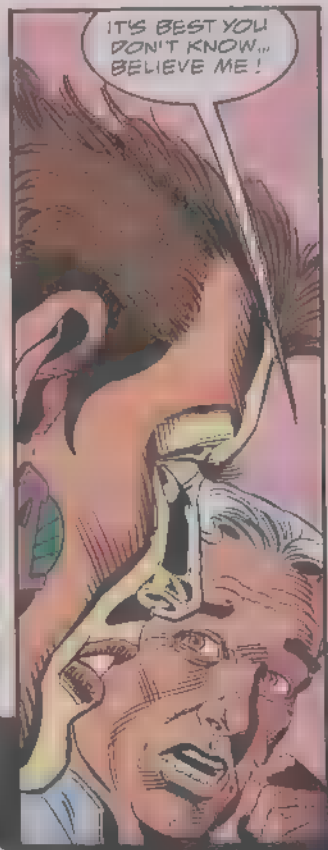
- ☐ RAVAGE 2099 #8: First there was Lee/Kirby. Now there's Lee/Ryan!
- ☐ REN & STIMPY TPB: RUNNING JOKE: Reprinting issues 1-4, plus some new fat, bloated stories, you know!
- ☐ SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #211: "Red Nails 2: The Next Day!"
- ☐ SECRET DEFENDERS #5: The team gets in their kicks on Route 66!
- ☐ SILVER SABLE #14: Guest-starring Cage and Terror — and Silver still can't get a date!
- ☐ SLEEPWALKER #28: A new origin for Sleepy! (No, he's not from Slumberland!)
- ☐ SPIDER-MAN TPB: ORIGIN OF THE SPIDER-MAN! Once upon a

- ☐ time, there was a little baby Goblin...
- ☐ WARHEADS: BLACK DAWN #1 of 2: When Morbius & Ghost Rider show up, it's flaming, fanging fun!
- ☐ WILD THING #4: She'll make everything ... groovy!
- ☐ WOLVERINE #71: Is Magneto really dead? How about Bucky? And what about Gwen Stacy?
- ☐ WONDER MAN #23: Wondy makes a deal with the Grim Reaper!
- ☐ WONDER MAN ANNUAL #2: The Hit-Maker steals Wondy's thunder!
- ☐ X-FACTOR #92: 30th anniversary extravaganza featuring the return of Magn... oops, almost gave it away!
- ☐ X-MEN ADVENTURES #8: Colossus debuts, and Juggernaut gives him a special welcome!

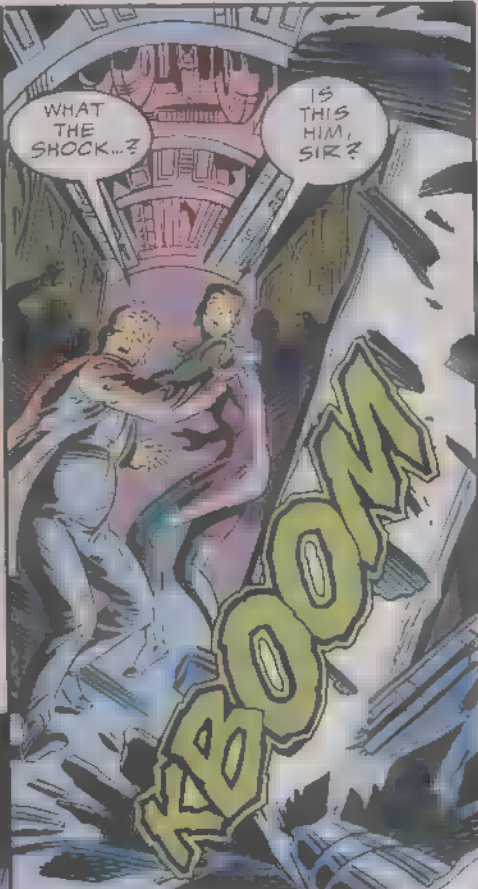


SIR... I HEARD SOME OF THAT... I THOUGHT YOU... AND TYLER STONE... AND FEARMASTER... PRETTY MUCH RULED THE ROOST AT ALCHEMAX...

...YOU MEAN THERE'S SOMEONE ABOVE ALL OF YOU?



IT'S BEST YOU DON'T KNOW... BELIEVE ME!



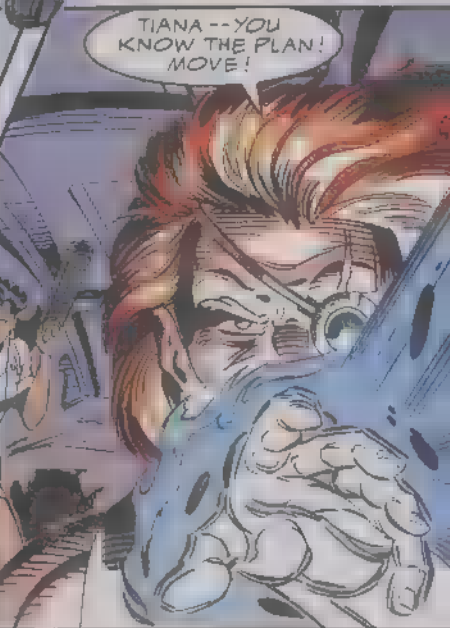
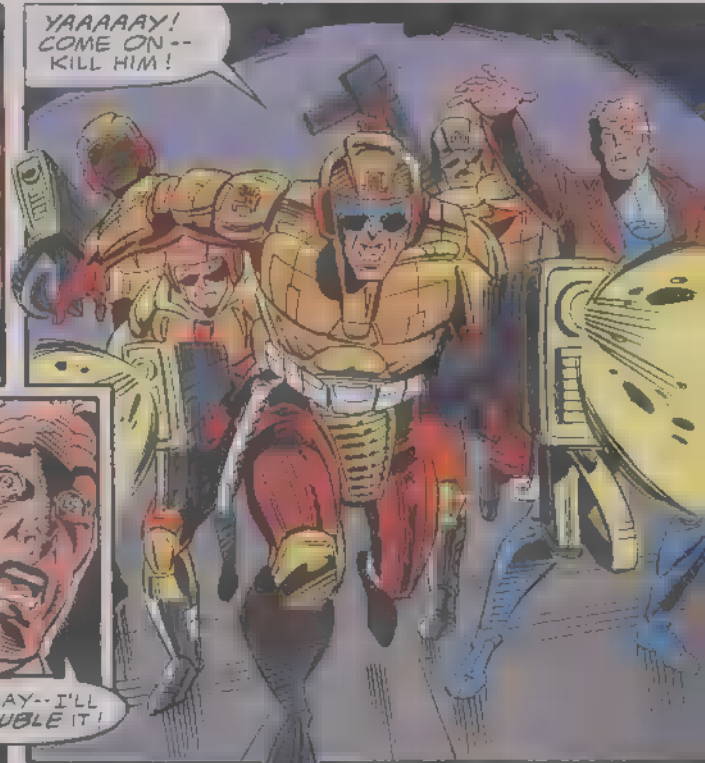
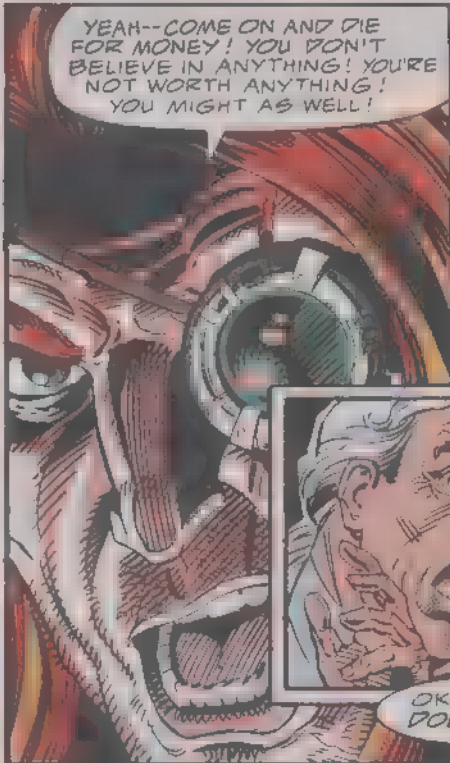
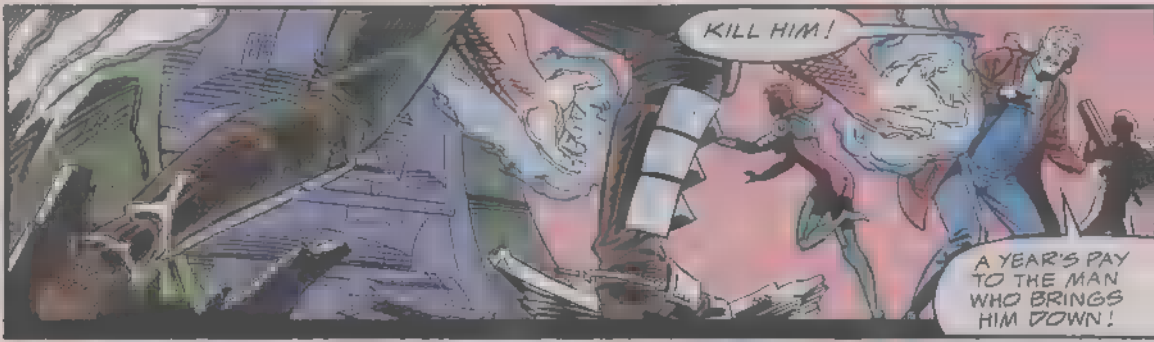
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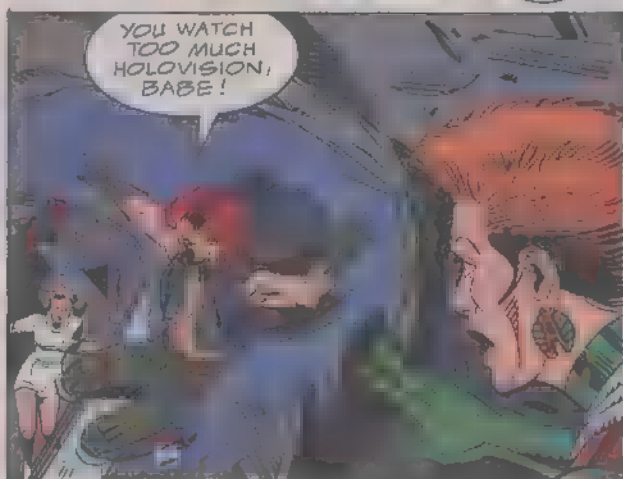
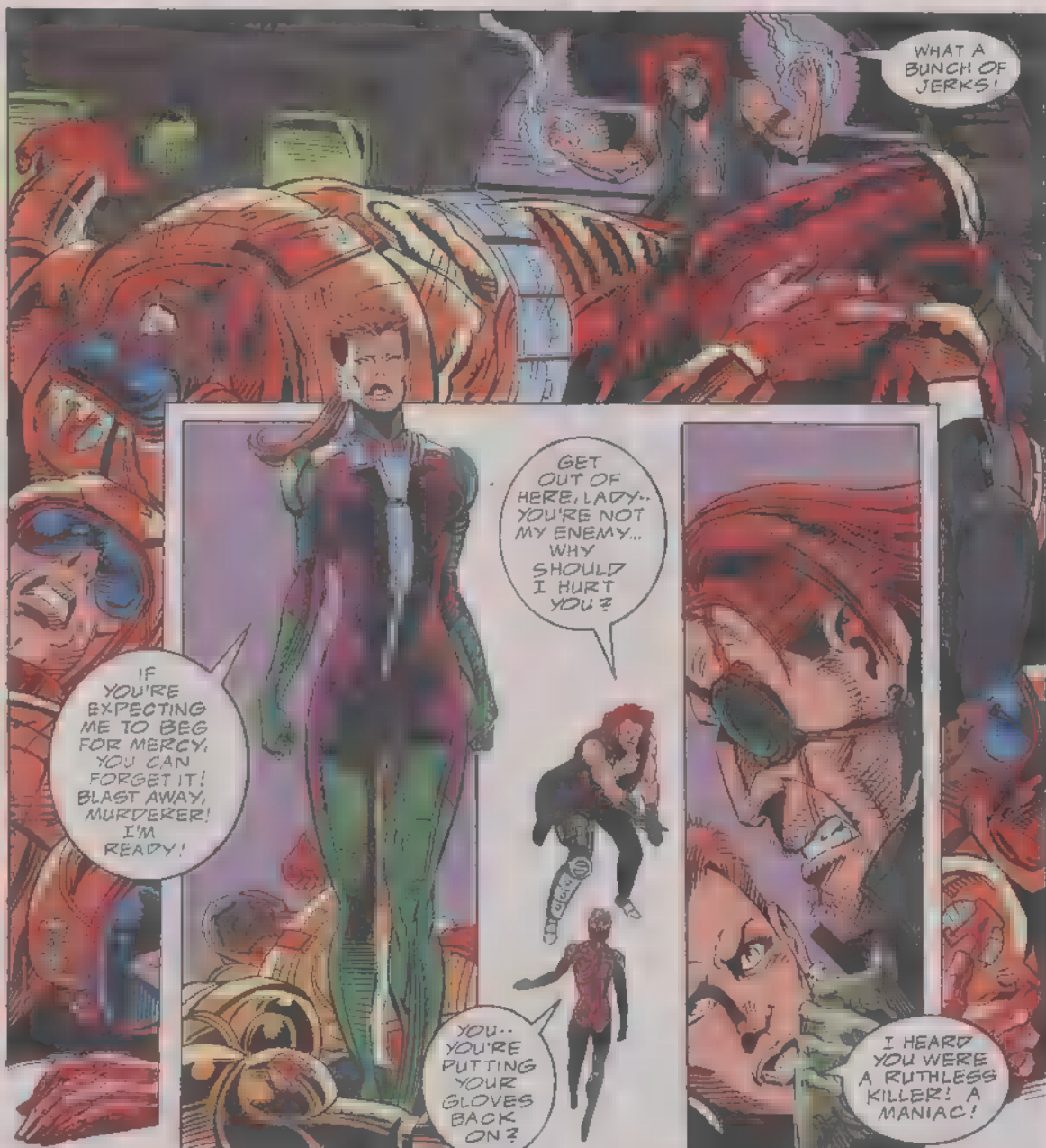
IS THIS HIM, SIR?

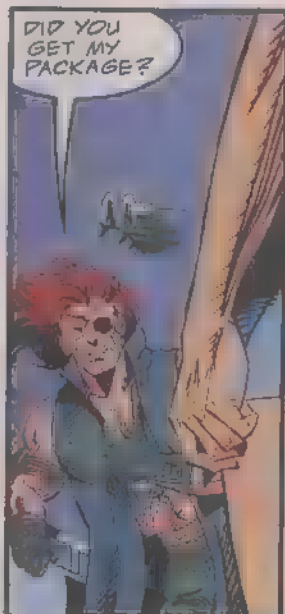
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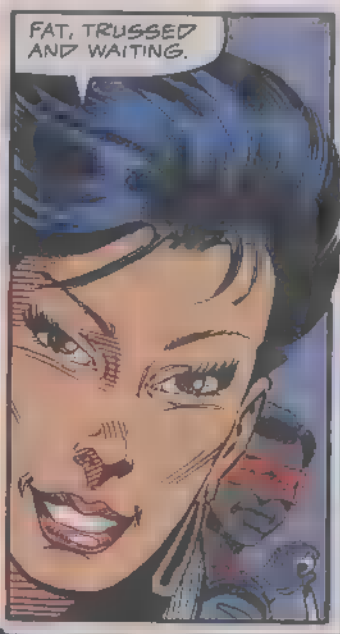
NO, IT'S SOMEONE ELSE YOU'VE GOT TO BE SCARED OF! I'M HERE--AND I'M IN YOUR FACE!



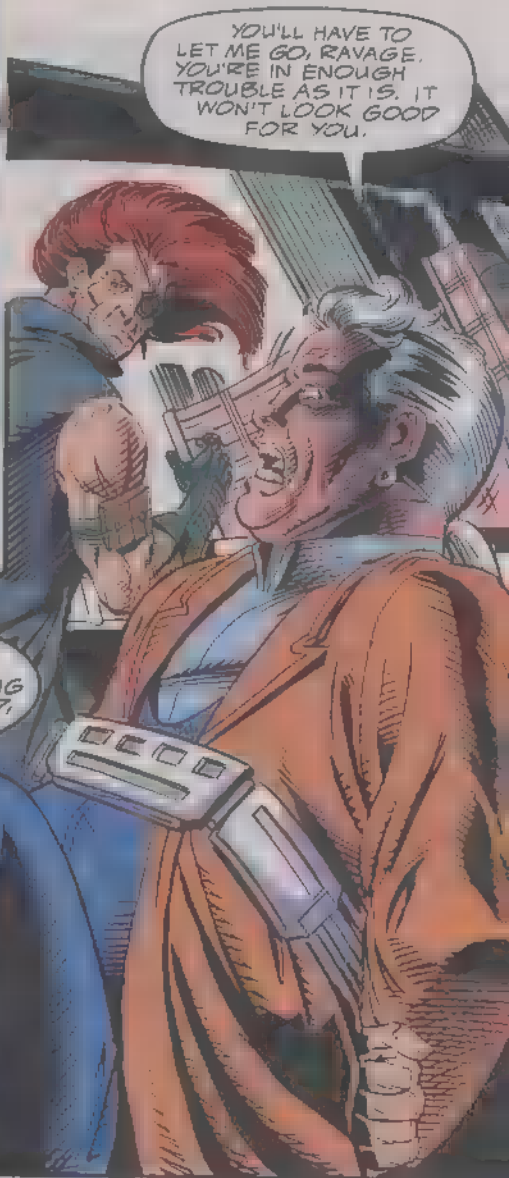




DID YOU  
GET MY  
PACKAGE?



FAT, TRUSSED  
AND WAITING.



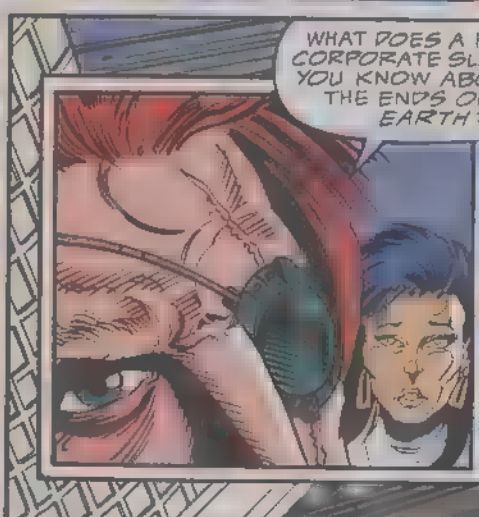
YOU'LL HAVE TO  
LET ME GO, RAVAGE.  
YOU'RE IN ENOUGH  
TROUBLE AS IT IS. IT  
WON'T LOOK GOOD  
FOR YOU.



I THINK  
WE'RE A LITTLE  
BEYOND WANTING  
TO LOOK GOOD,  
HENTON.



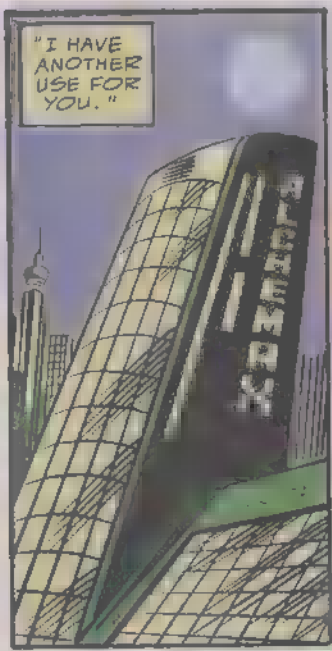
PUT IT ANOTHER  
WAY, TOUCH ME AND  
MY MEN WILL HUNT  
YOU TO THE ENDS  
OF THE EARTH.



WHAT DOES A FAT,  
CORPORATE SLUG LIKE  
YOU KNOW ABOUT  
THE ENDS OF THE  
EARTH?



ANYWAY,  
I DON'T  
INTEND  
TO HARM  
YOU...

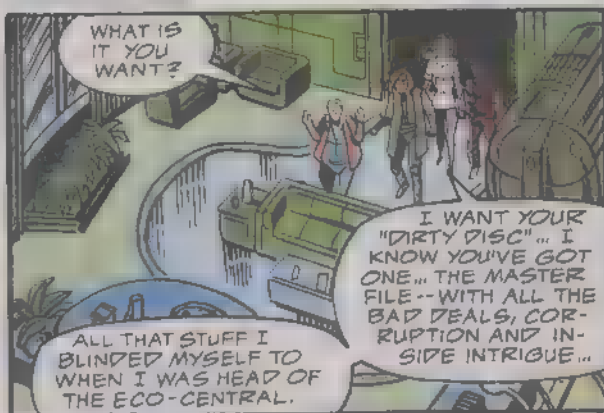


"I HAVE  
ANOTHER  
USE FOR  
YOU."



BACK OFF--OR  
I'LL VENTILATE YOUR  
BOSS!

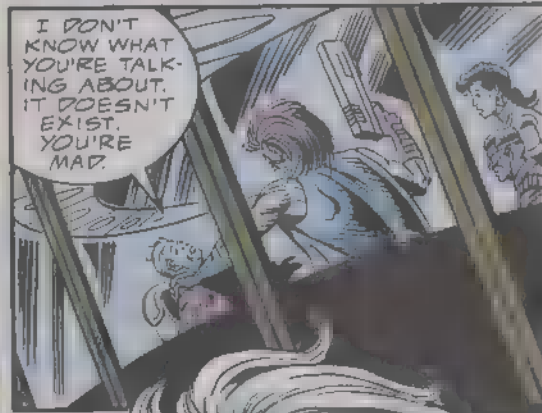
GUNS DOWN!  
HE MEANS IT!  
HE MEANS IT!



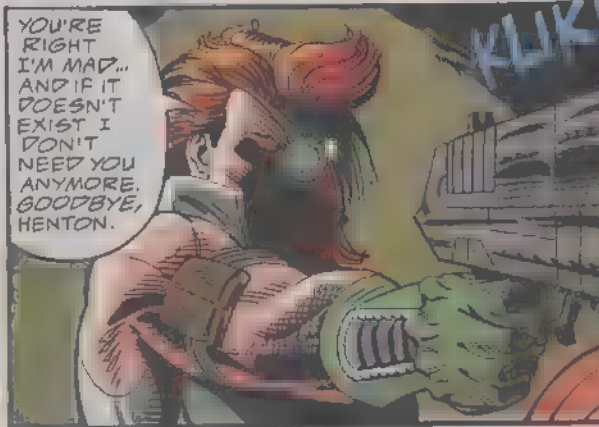
WHAT IS  
IT YOU  
WANT?

I WANT YOUR  
"DIRTY DISC"... I  
KNOW YOU'VE GOT  
ONE... THE MASTER  
FILE--WITH ALL THE  
BAD DEALS, CORRUPTION AND IN-  
SIDE INTRIGUE...

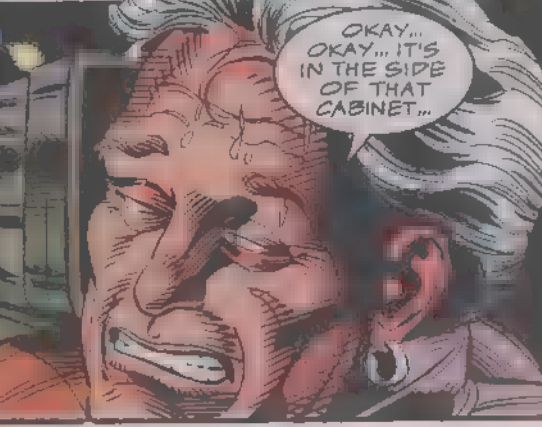
ALL THAT STUFF I  
BLINDED MYSELF TO  
WHEN I WAS HEAD OF  
THE ECO-CENTRAL.



I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE TALK-  
ING ABOUT.  
IT DOESN'T  
EXIST.  
YOU'RE  
MAD.



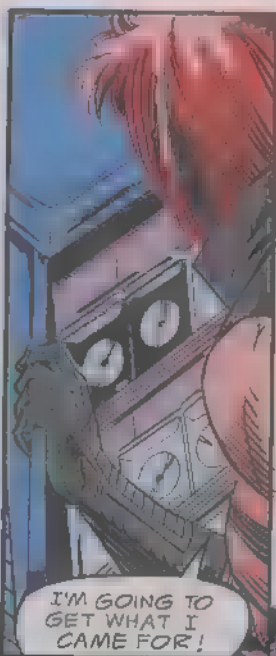
YOU'RE  
RIGHT  
I'M MAD...  
AND IF IT  
DOESN'T  
EXIST I  
DON'T  
NEED YOU  
ANYMORE.  
GOODBYE,  
HENTON.



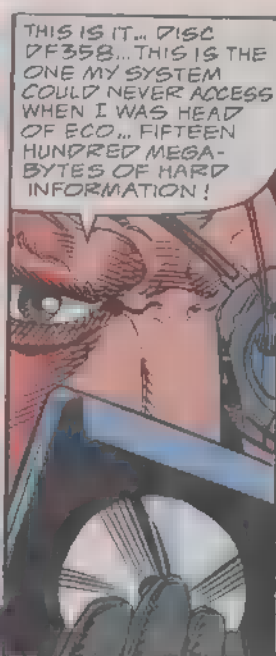
OKAY...  
OKAY... IT'S  
IN THE SIDE  
OF THAT  
CABINET...



OKAY...  
GUARD HIM,  
TIANA.



I'M GOING TO  
GET WHAT I  
CAME FOR!



THIS IS IT... DISC  
DF358... THIS IS THE  
ONE MY SYSTEM  
COULD NEVER ACCESS  
WHEN I WAS HEAD  
OF ECO... FIFTEEN  
HUNDRED MEGA-  
BYTES OF HARD  
INFORMATION!



EVER THE HERO,  
RAVAGE...

DON'T YOU  
EVER GET  
TIRED BY  
YOUR OWN  
RIGHTEOUS-  
NESS?



UNFORTUNATELY  
FOR YOU,  
I AM!

KOFF!  
KOFF!

STUN GAS!  
COVER YOUR  
MOUTHS!



HE'S ESCAPED  
DOWN THAT  
TRAP DOOR!



DON'T  
FOLLOW HIM...  
I'VE GOT A  
FEELING  
HE'S COMING  
BACK.

HOW INTUITIVE...



WELL, INTUIT YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS ONE, BOZO...

BLOW HIM AWAY, MEN!



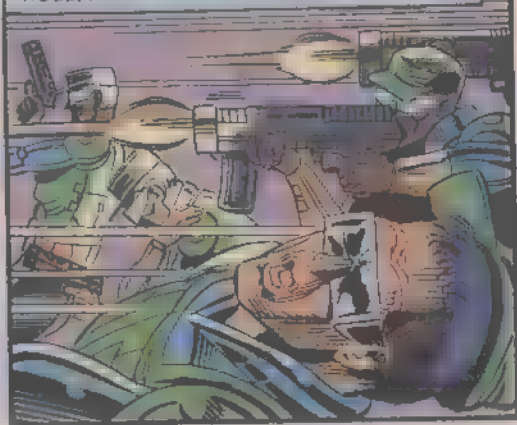
TIANA-- GIVE ME THE GUN... I'LL DRAW THEIR FIRE...

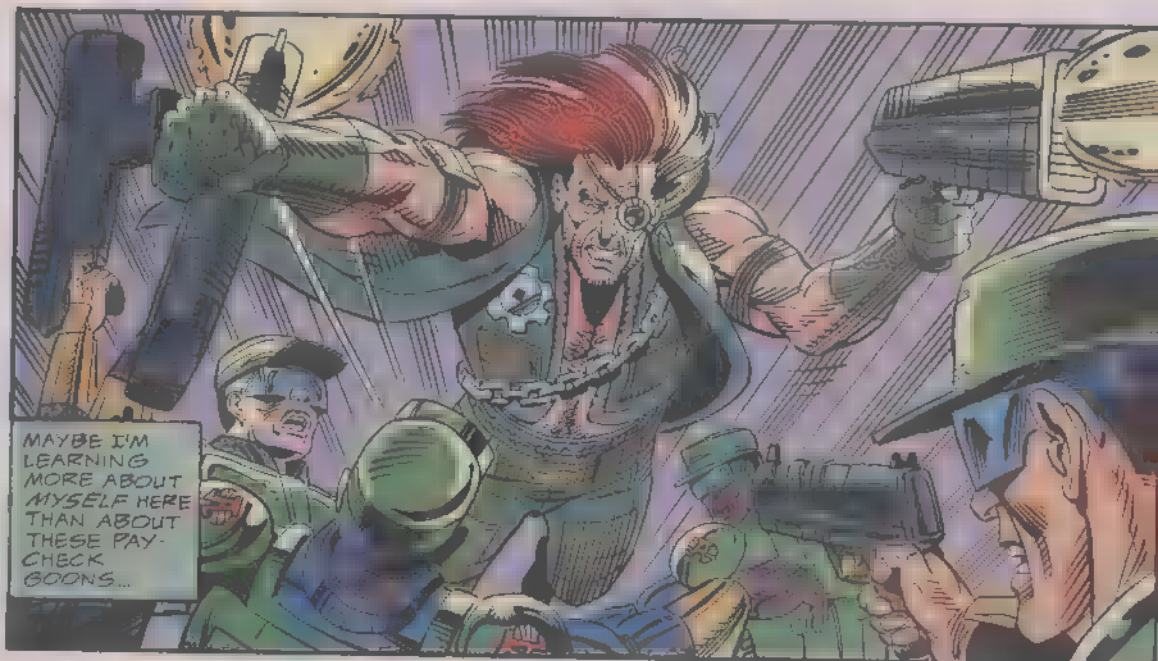
SOME OF THESE MEN WERE UNDER MY COMMAND... THEY WOULDN'T FIRE ON AN UNARMED WOMAN.

IS THAT RIGHT?



"WELL, YOU'D BETTER TELL THEM THAT!"





MAYBE I'M  
LEARNING  
MORE ABOUT  
MYSELF HERE  
THAN ABOUT  
THESE PAY-  
CHECK  
BOONS...

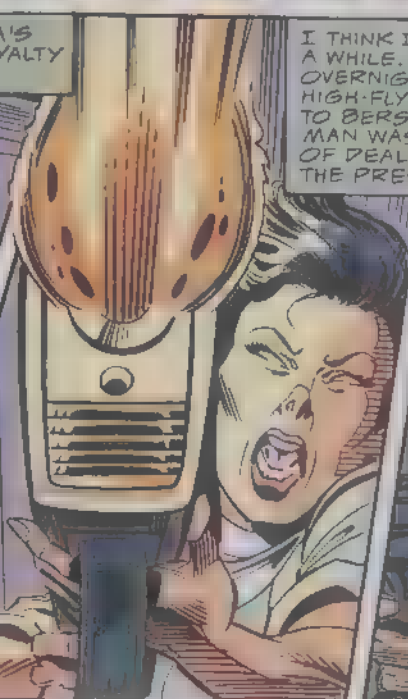


IT TOOK THE  
MURDER OF  
DACK'S DAD  
BY MY OWN  
MEN TO MAKE  
ME FACE THE  
TRUTH.

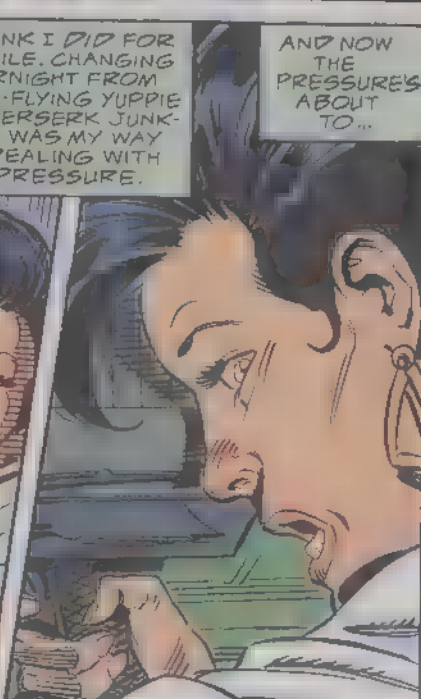
WHEN I WAS HEAD  
OF THE ECO-POLICE,  
I WAS FOOLING  
MYSELF THAT WE  
WERE REALLY  
MAKING A DIFF-  
ERENCE TO THE  
ENVIRONMENT.



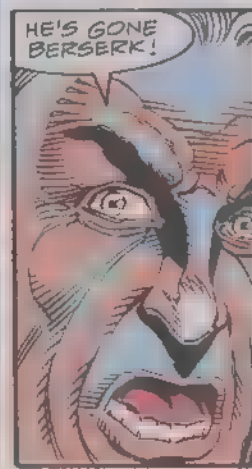
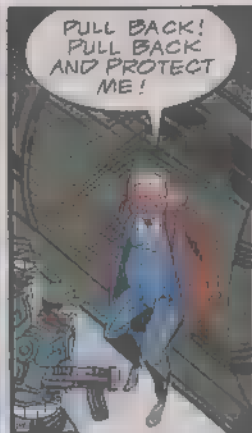
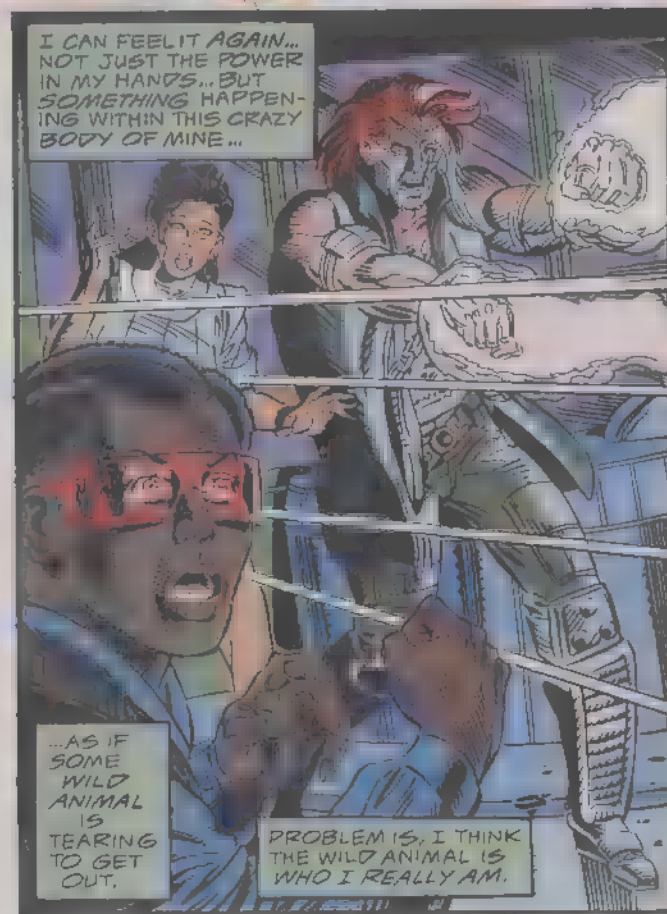
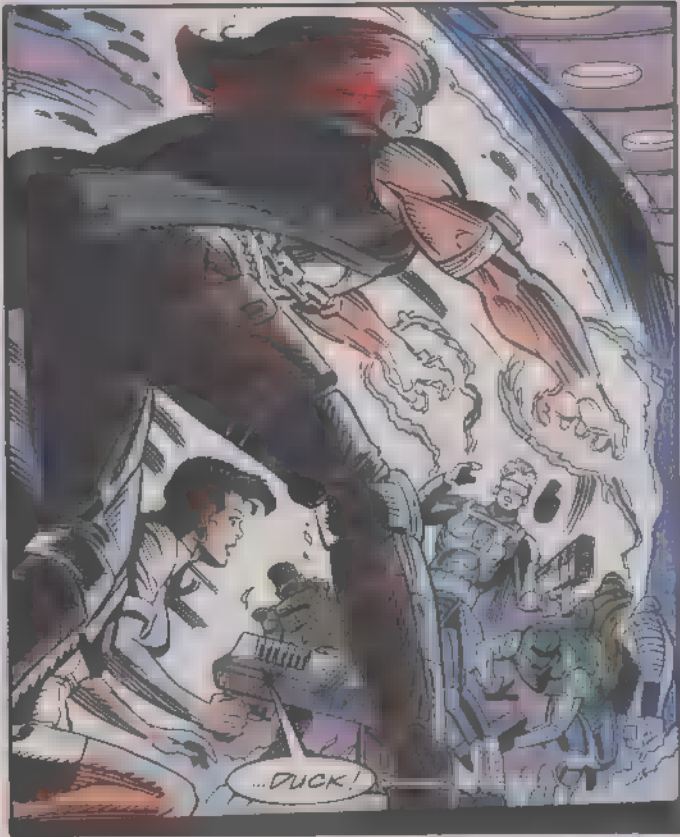
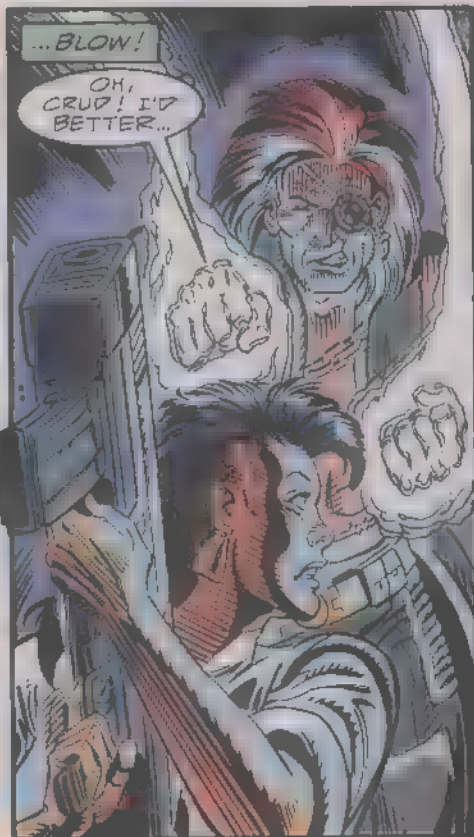
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR TIANA'S  
BRAVERY, HONESTY AND LOYALTY  
I'D HAVE CRACKED UP.

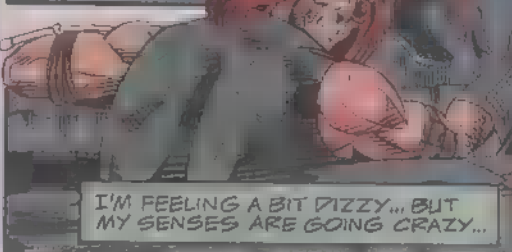
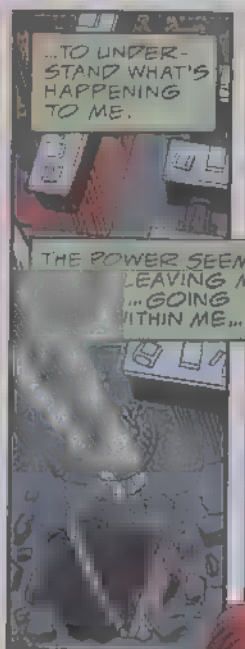
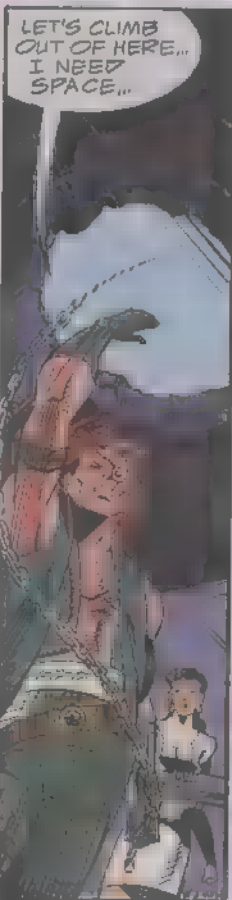


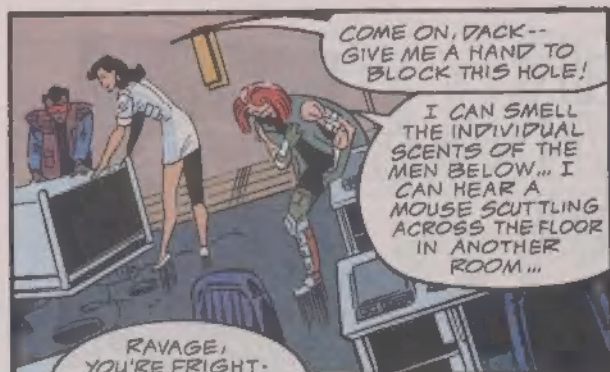
I THINK I DID FOR  
A WHILE. CHANGING  
OVERNIGHT FROM  
HIGH-FLYING YUPPIE  
TO BERSERK JUNK-  
MAN WAS MY WAY  
OF DEALING WITH  
THE PRESSURE.



AND NOW  
THE  
PRESSURES  
ABOUT  
TO...







COME ON, DACK--  
GIVE ME A HAND TO  
BLOCK THIS HOLE!

I CAN SMELL  
THE INDIVIDUAL  
SCENTS OF THE  
MEN BELOW... I  
CAN HEAR A  
MOUSE SCUTTLE  
ACROSS THE FLOOR  
IN ANOTHER  
ROOM...



RAVAGE,  
YOU'RE FRIGHT-  
ENING ME... WHAT'S  
GOING ON WITH  
YOU?

I WAS  
HOPING  
SOMEBODY  
WOULD  
TELL  
ME.



LET'S GET BACK  
TO THE ROOF...  
THEY'LL BE COMING  
AFTER US IN A  
MINUTE... I CAN  
HEAR THEM  
BELOW...



...THEY'RE  
SHOUTING  
VICTORY...



"BUT I CAN  
SMELL THE  
FEAR."



THEY'RE ON THE  
RUN! DON'T YOU  
SEE-- THEY'RE  
HEADED FOR  
THE ROOF...

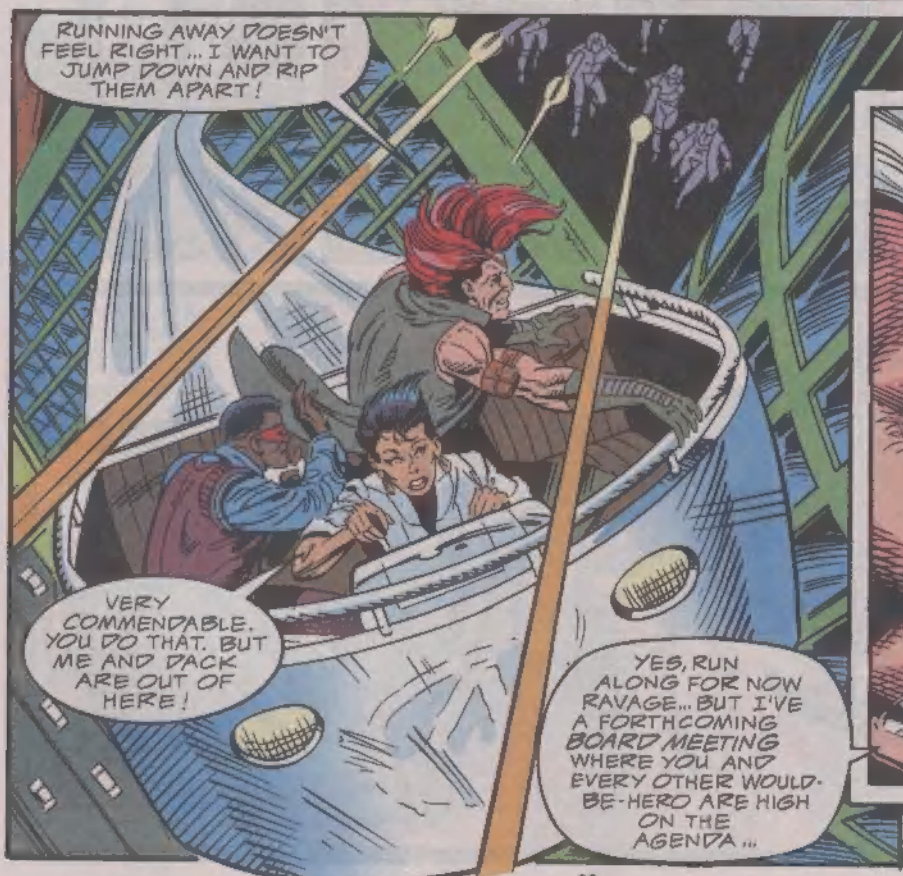
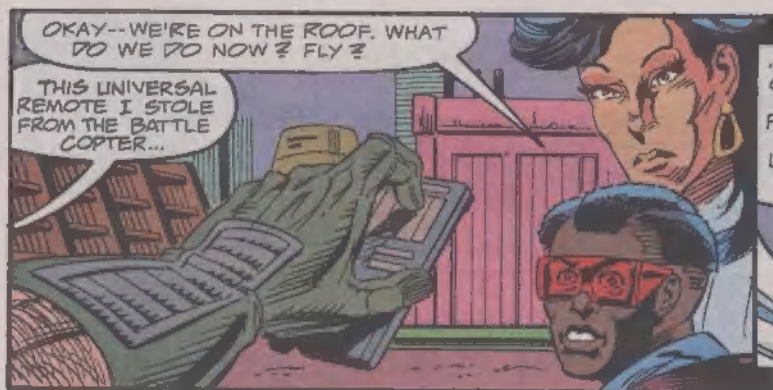
WE'VE GOT  
THEM TRAPPED!  
WE CAN BLOW  
THEM TO THE  
SKY!

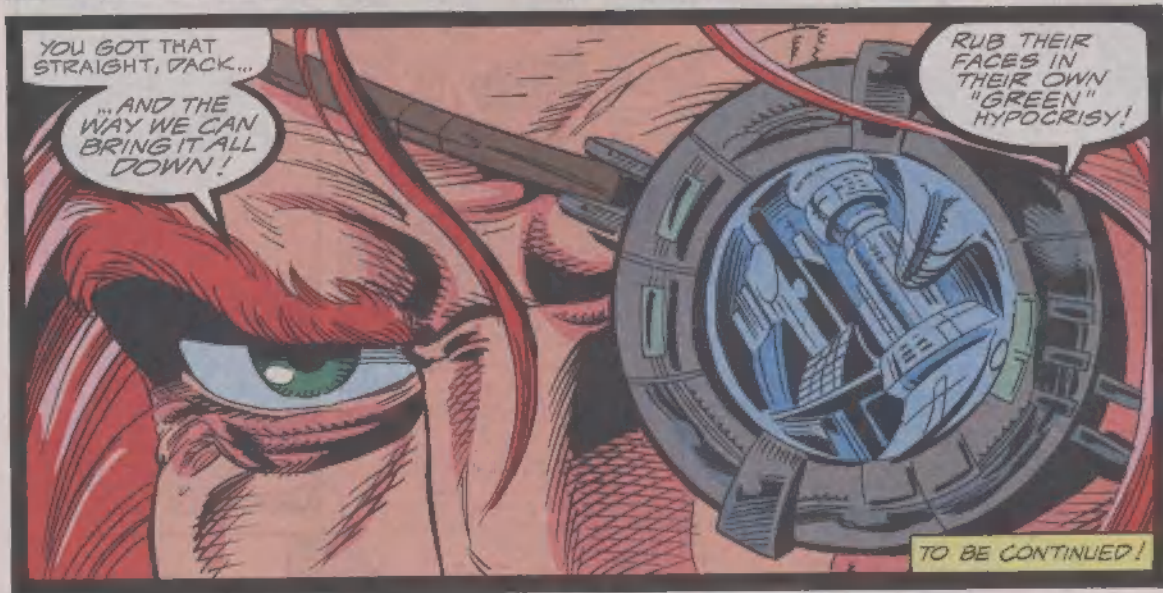
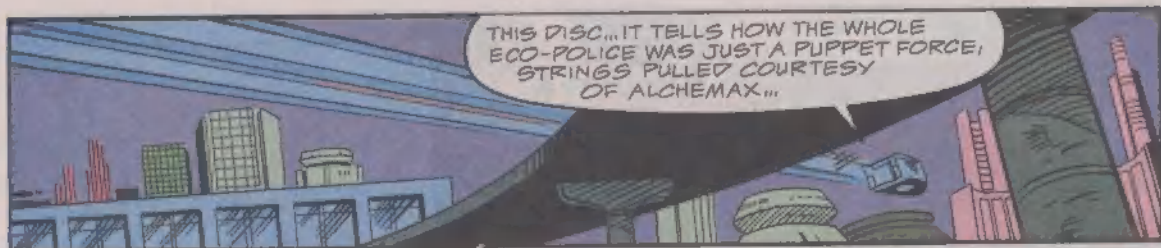


YOU MEAN  
LIKE WE DID  
LAST TIME,  
SIR?



DON'T GET  
SMART WITH  
ME, SOLDIER.  
DOUBLE  
PROMOTION  
FOR THE MAN  
WHO BRINGS  
THEM  
DOWN!





# RANTS & RAVES

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## OUT OF MY HEAD

The environment has been ravaged. Our resources have been ravaged. Our cities have been ravaged.

Just as super heroes were born as a wish for relief from the Great Depression, a new kind of hero should be — must be — born to battle the new plagues that endanger our planet; terrors undreamed of in the times of the first caped crimefighter.

But this is 2099, and we have to look ahead. Ravage will become even more connected with what's left of the environment... in a way that will shock and confound you... yet be absolutely right.

As they say in the comic books, "To be continued..."

Dear Rants & Raves,

Should Ravage have a team of goons hanging around him? No! No! Never! Say it won't be so! There — that's my vote. It'll ruin the book.

If you want to try a sixth 2099 title, like X-MEN 2099, go right ahead, but don't force a team on any 2099 character, except Doom, who needs it, since he's 100 years out of his own timeline.

For your 2099 UNLIMITED let's see Wolverine, Tigra, Ghost Rider, Thor, Hulk, Dr. Strange, Silver Surfer, Daredevil, Captain America, Storm, Bishop and Rogue.

Until next ish.

Dan Wernert

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You want the Hulk in 2099 UNLIMITED, you got him, Dan!

Dear Joey and Sarra,

Since I practically grew up with Stan Lee's highly enjoyable and intense stories, reading them literally from cover to cover, you can imagine how overwhelmed with joy and excitement I was when, last year, I heard that the man without whom the Marvel Universe as we know it today wouldn't even exist, would once again be writing a new series about a character he designed himself!

As if I wasn't happy enough, I also heard that this new series would be drawn by no one else than the man whose artwork I've always considered to be among the best ever to emerge from Marvel, but unfortunately also the man whose work seemed to be unnoticed by the public; Paul Ryan! To me, even months before I actually got to see the first issue of their new book, RAVAGE 2099 was simply not to be missed. When the first issue finally hit the stands and I bought my copy in order to read it cover to cover, just like the old days, I had only one word to say: "Absolutely amazing!" — okay that's two words, but who's counting anyway?

Now that I've read the first five issues of

this new series, I'm finally able to say a little more than that. It's time to write you a letter to express my feelings of joy to you all.

First, let me say that I wasn't disappointed in Stan Lee at all because I feel he has adapted his writing style to the standards of today just fine. In fact, his stories are even better than most of the material currently being published, not only because they are extremely suspenseful but also because the characterization of both the hero and the supporting cast are incredibly well done.

Looking at the most recent RAVAGE, issue #5, you can see the best example of Stan's superb characterization, when Ravage discovers his new powers. I only hope Ravage survived that cave-in on the last page and that he'll still be around next issue, so that we'll be able to see how he'll handle his new-found powers. They'll make him an even more formidable hero.

Another nice touch in RAVAGE #5 was the introduction of the future Atlantis, led by the mysterious beast called Dragon-klaw, whose very name sends chills down one's spine. Then, of course, the shortest guest appearance ever to grace the pages of a comic book, by none other than Spider-Man was also a great touch, but to be honest, I'd rather see a real guest star in the next few issues (how about a team-up with the Punisher?).

As a long time reader of Marvel Comics, I want you to know that I'm behind RAVAGE 2099 all the way and I'm sure Stan and Paul will continue to surprise us by creating suspenseful, intriguing and exciting stories month after month. I especially want to thank Stan, because it must've taken a lot of courage to come up and start writing a monthly book again after all those years.

Eric de Klok

(Address withheld by request)

If you think that takes courage, Eric, how about the courageous guys who had to follow Stan and Paul this issue! Actually, this issue marks a milestone. Stan's globe-trotting duties as Marvel's good will ambassador, deal maker and trouble-shooter have finally become so overwhelming that he's had to put his creatin into other, capable hands. The torch has been passed to Pat Mills and Tony Skinner, who have brought tight plotting and sharp characterization to their companion book, THE PUNISHER 2099. The changing of the guard starts this ish!

Dear Rants and Raves,

I just finished reading RAVAGE #5 — another brilliant masterpiece by Stan Lee. I was wondering what exactly Alchemax is — factory, mob, or business?

I've also got an idea for a special guest appearance in RAVAGE. You could guest star Cable! He can teleport through time,

so why couldn't he stop by the year 2099? I also found a resemblance between the guns.

Well, until Ravage dyes his hair purple, make mine Marvel!

Jason Sereno

(Address withheld by request)

Jason, Alchemax is the corporation that rules the territory of what was the northeastern United States in the year 2099. No plans for Cable anytime soon, but keep on the lookout for X-MEN 2099!

Dear Rants and Raves,

First I want to congratulate Stan Lee on the great story. Ever since I read RAVAGE 2099 #1 I was hooked — it's the best!

1) Are you thinking of making cards, figures, or shirts?

2) Are you planning on doing any cross-overs in the future?

3) When is the first "special cover" going to come out?

4) Once Ravage defeats Dethstryk, how will he get to Mr. Henton, now that he is Mutroid?

Forrest Dudek  
2039 Civic Center Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

1) A shirt is already available at most local comics shops! As for the rest, we keep hearing plans...

2) Yes! "The Fall of the Hammer" will cross over all four 2099 books this December!

3) We did one for #1, and so far, that's plenty!

4) Henton and Ravage have a showdown this issue!

NEXT ISSUE: Think Ravage has been through some strange changes lately? You ain't seen nothin' yet! The new power our hero's got leads to... "Bio-Crash!"

## MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #9 Last chance to see Kelley Jones and Mark McKenna's wild take on our web-spinning wonder, in the episode we should have titled... "The Wrath of Mom!"

DOOM 2099 #7 Doom and Wire are prisoners of "A Region of Ether and Sighs." They've met some bizarre characters in the Cyerverse, but none like Palomar!

THE PUNISHER 2099 #6 At last! Hand to hand combat with the menacing Multi-Fractor in a stadium made for "Techno-Gladiators!"

2099 UNLIMITED #1 When we say "unlimited," we mean it! The Hulk 2099 makes his debut... and so does a new super-villain for Spidey!